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SPIELING.



PIELING is a word not found in the standard dictionaries, which, to make up for such omissions as this, include thousands of words which the average man never uses.

To consider spieling and what is to be done about it was the occupation of a recent meeting of the Committee on Amusements and Vacation Resources of Working Girls. Mrs. Charles H. Israels

arranged a conference of this committee with other civic organizations to plan laws for the regulation of dance halls, summer amusement places and dancing academies.

They propose that all public dancing academies shall be licensed. Liquor is not to be sold on the same floor. Men spielers who have no visible means of livelihood are to be excluded.

Mrs. Israels reported that out of twenty-four dance halls inspected fifteen were attended by immoral women, whose presence and association tended to demoralize working girls. The sale of liquor in connection with dancing is also demoralizing. If the sale of liquor and indecent dancing were prohibited she thought the situation would be improved.



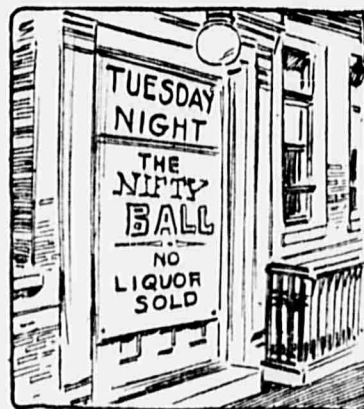
It is unfortunate that there is no authoritative definition of spieling and spieling. It seems somewhat unjust to class spieling with indecent dancing and to assume that a male spielier is presumably an undesirable person for a working girl to associate with.

The usual understanding of the word spiel is to dance with a steady, rotary motion, the extended arms marking time more or less accurately with the music. The male spielier has also a tendency to hunch his back when dancing, bringing his face closer to the girl's than if he stood up straight.

The advantage of spieling is that it enables a great many couples to dance at one time on a small floor. To dance with extended steps, to reverse frequently and to hold the arms rigid would require more floor space.

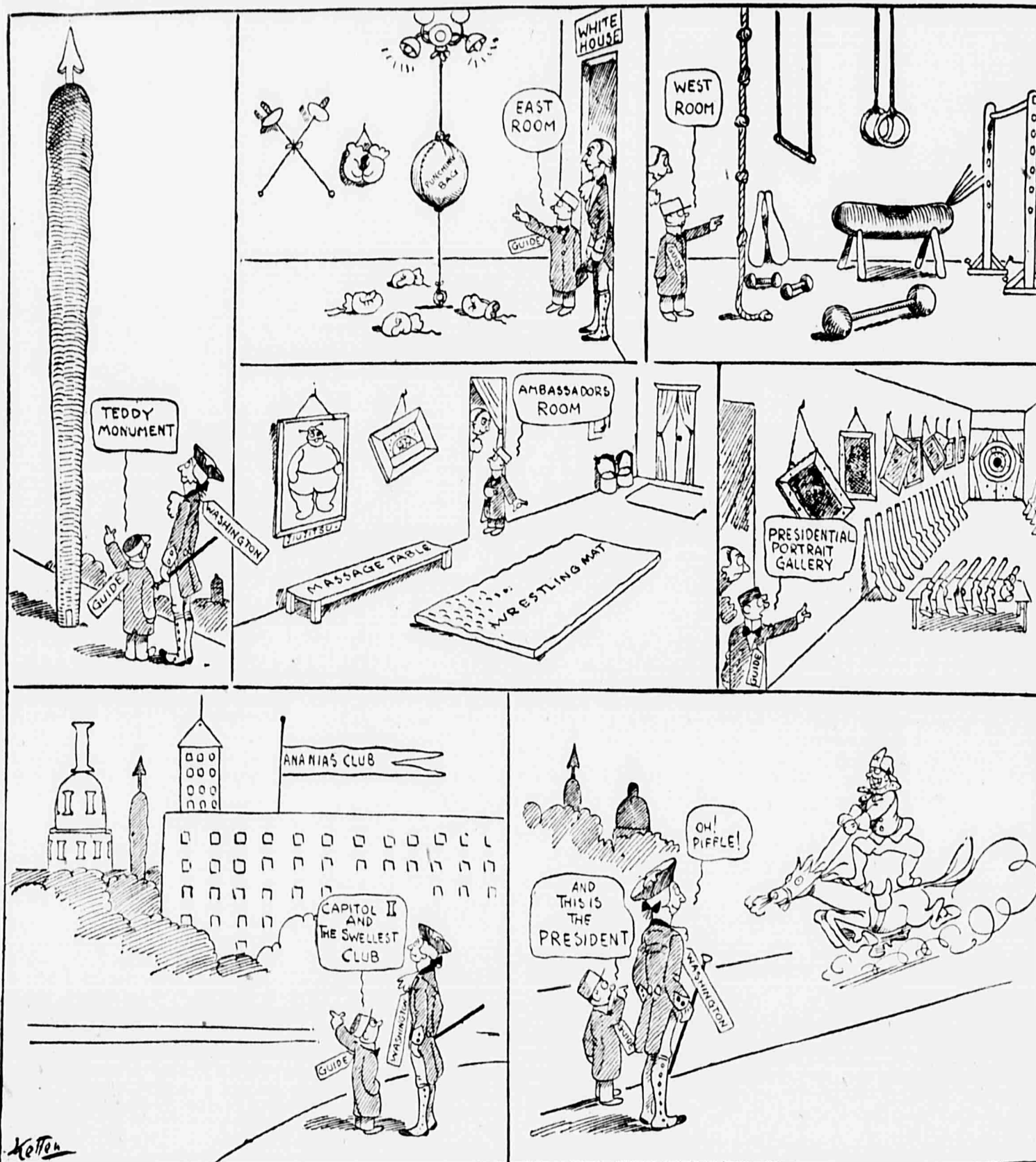
If liquor is not to be sold in connection with an east side dance, what is to be done about the big halls at the Waldorf, the Plaza, Madison Square Garden and elsewhere, for which a ticket costs as much as a working girl's week's wages. As for the evil of immoral women attending a respectable ball, that is more flagrant at some uptown balls than at the east side dancing schools.

The working girls of New York are as moral and industrious a class as there is in this community. Before the Legislature should undertake to regulate their amusements they should be consulted and allowed to frame their own laws.



George in Washington.

By Maurice Ketten



The Chorus Girl Plays Home Life Across the Board— That's Why She Lives in Mamma de Branscombe's Flat

By Roy L. McCardell.



"NOBODY" said me whether I'm peevish with the glamour of the footlights and have a yin for the comforts of home," said the Chorus Girl. "I don't know why, either. At 10 to 12 stage ladies that is more unprominent than me has been ast. "And do you blame 'em, at that? Oh, yes, it's tough enough living in a trunk and flying by night on local accommodations, making jumps from one-night stand to one-night stand, and hoping you'll play Town Hall, Tusculum, pay week at the railroad shops, when the population can go in for dramatic luxuries and pass up the local nickelodeons for your all-star stock company at ten, twenty and thirty. "As I say, it's tough enough on them kerosene circuits, but is life any popular song for the profession even when it's playing New York in vulgar plays that pay? "What charm is there in them apart-ment-house hotels even if you can afford to live in them? Their mottoes is

place at once, and also warmly invited not to come there any more. "So, as Mamma de Branscombe says, what has darned socks got to do with a happy married life? The man a girl should marry, unless she has been deceived, is a man with lots of money that won't never ask you to do any work and will let you run up bills everywhere. "Of course, tightwads, no matter how much money they have, might expect them humiliating economies from their brides. Mamma de Branscombe says that no matter if Louis berry bowl as a souvenir from a dinner party at the Waldorf and the weight made it fall through a 'run' in her stocking. "Fortunately, she says, the house detective, who had been staring at the merry party in the richest and most officious manner all evening, had his back turned at the instant the bowl dropped on the marble floor and shattered. And Puss Montgomery, who has played stock and has presence of mind to extemporize, took in the situation at a glance and shouted, 'And if you say that to me again, you old battle-axe, I'll bounce something else off your bean.' "Thus the incident passed off with nothing further than Able Wogklebaum and Louis Zinsheimer, who was with them, saying for the bowl, and the whole party being invited to leave the

THE WEEK'S WASH



"SPEAKING" professionally," remarked the laundry man, "I am itching with some curiosity over the question, recently raised by an actress who is tired of her husband, as to whether darned socks is compatible with the artistic temperament. "Whenever," declared the man who was getting his package, "you hear a woman publicly demand the privilege of darned her husband's socks you can bet an operation for appendicitis against a haircut that her husband wouldn't wear a pair of darned socks. Why should a man with a theatrical manager's income wear darned socks? If he can't afford to discard silk socks when they get punctured he can watch sales and buy them so cheaply that it is extravagance to wear them more than once. "Anyhow, they sell socks nowadays which are warranted to wear for six months without showing holes. Speaking from my own experience with socks I should say that these foot coverings are fashioned of asbestos. "I know of instances where prisoners without money or friends were allowed to leave jail to attend funerals. There is a financial war down in Exchange place, and Morse is one of many mourners. Maybe, if given a fair chance, he could stir some life into the corpse."



BY MARTIN GREEN

he got a chance. Morse has a lot of business interests with ragged ends in which innocent parties are interested. Nobody can straighten out the tangles but Morse. "So long as his offense is ballable, what is the wrong in letting him go down to his office in custody of a United States Marshal? Morse is not serving a prison sentence. He is held for safekeeping until his appeal shall be settled. He is just as safe within the reach of



the arm of Marshal Henkel as he is in a cell in the Tombs.

The Subway Side Doors.

"THE Subway managers," said the laundry man, "seem to be opposed to the plan of placing side doors in the cars so that the passengers may leave and enter at the same time instead of making two operations of it, as under the present single door rule."

"Naturally," replied the man who was getting his package. "Your professional railroad managers balk at every improvement. They fought airbrakes and safety couplers and block signals. They fought the measure to restrict the working hours of telegraph operators and trainmen. They stand out against everything that don't jibe with railroad as they have known it all their lives. The most bullheaded specimens of ossified judgment in railroad management are found among officials who have worked their way up from the bottom."

"A successful actor or actress needs but meagre mental equipment, and few of them have any more than they need. Abnormal egotism helps them. Show me a timid, shrinking theatrical performer and I'll show you the performer who always walks home. An actress can work and be a good wife and mother if her desires and instinct run that way. Otherwise—well, many actresses study to please everybody but their husbands, which studios bent, it may be remarked, is not peculiar to actresses at all."

Morse's Jail Outings.

"I look like a shame the way they let Charles W. Morse out of the Tombs," said the laundry man. "Guess again," said the man who was getting his package. "The earliest assertion to spring is that there is no justice for the poor man. In connection with this Morse case, don't forget that Morse was found guilty and sentenced to serve fifteen years in a jail that is a real, earnest, uncomfortable domicile. "The courts refused to allow Morse out on bail solely because the District Attorney feared that he would beat it if

Knox and the Cabinet.

"SEE," said the laundry man, "that they have found a way to get around the constitutional hurdle which barred Senator Philander C. Knox from the Cabinet of Mr. Taft. "Times change," said the man who was getting his package. "It is too bad our old friend Congressman Tim Campbell, of the east side, did not survive to see vindicated and answered his famous query addressed to Grover Cleveland—'What's the Constitution between friends?'"

My "Cycle of Readings," By Count Tolstoy.

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Progress.

RELIGIOUS progress is the real progress. RELIGION shows the way for the activity of mankind. Religion is becoming ever simpler, clearer, ever more easily understood, ever more in conformity with knowledge. And with the progress of religion all the spiritual and social progress of mankind is achieved.

THE man who thinks that we should stop on that stage of religious progress (reformation) which we see through our film of death thereby shows that he is very far from the truth. The light which we received was given to us not to be looked at constantly, but to reveal other things that are still concealed from us.—Milton.

EVERY progress is based upon religious progress. Religious progress consists not in discovering new religious truths, nor in discovering a new relation between man and the world and his origin—there is nothing new—but in discarding all that is superfluous that was added in ancient times to religious conceptions. There are no new religious truths. Ever since we know rational man his attitude to the world and to his origin has been the same that it is now. If there is religious progress it consists not in discovering something new, but in purifying that which has already been discovered and expressed.

RELIGION is the guides of the highest conception of life, accessible to the best, progressive people at a given time, in a given society—a conception of life to which all the other people of that society are inevitably and invariably coming nearer.

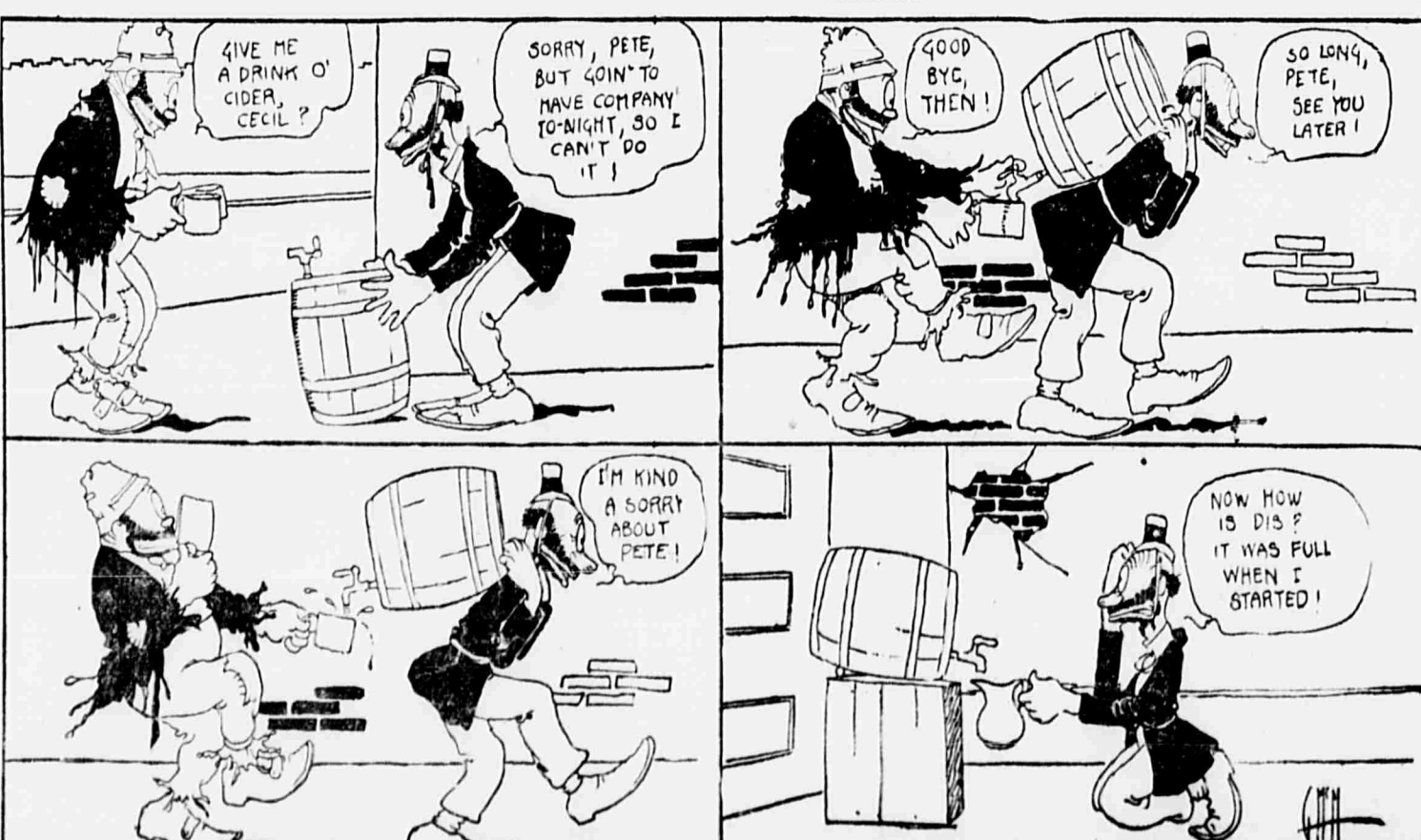
Do not confound the real progress, the religious progress, with technical, scientific or artistic progress. Technical, scientific, artistic progress may be very great, together with religious retrogression, such as we have in our time. But it may be also the reverse. If you would serve God, be first of all a worker for religious progress—struggle against the superstitions and for the purification and simplification of religious consciousness.

Letters From the People

Another Big Word.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
I take great interest in those long words which have been appearing in your letter column lately. The last one had twenty-six letters. Here is a thirty-four letter word: "Pronountransubstantiationally." Can you beat that, Sadie?
B. A. J.
No.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
Is Abraham Lincoln's son "Tad" still living?
ANXIOUS.
Mathematical Gymnastics.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
How much is the total of all numbers from 1 to 1,000,000 squared and added?
Answer—333,333,333,333,500,000. How much is the total of all numbers cubed and added from 1 to 1,000,000? Answer—250,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.
J. J. M'D.
No.
To the Editor of The Evening World:
Is there any legal holiday universally observed throughout the United States?
A. R.
Puzzled by Silent "H."
To the Editor of The Evening World:
I came over to the United States a few months ago in order to study the language. One evening I was in company with several Americans and in the course of the conversation I asked the fellows to tell me why the English-speaking people do not pronounce the letter "h" in the word "their." Nobody could answer my question, and some told me that there is no explanation. I said there must be an explanation. I

Panhandle Pete

By George McManus



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